



The Montana State Reading Council and the Montana Office of Public Instruction Present ...

The 2009 February "I LOVE TO READ" Calendar Rockin', Rollin', Readin' Around the Clock

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Get ready, Get sleep, 'Cause you're gonna get "The Readin' Beat"	2 Kick off the month with a trip to the Drive-in. View a '50s 3-D movie with 3-D glasses, popcorn and teams acting out '50's ads.	3 Help your School Librarian pass around the Caldecott and Newberry Award winners from the '50s – in a vintage suitcase.	4 Create a '50's timeline around the lunchroom or down a hall with new products, toys, book titles, fashions, fads, people and news.	5 Assign a person from the '50s to each student and have them research Who's Who. Create an issue of LIFE.	6 Invite older students to pair with younger ones to create a comic strip based on one from the '50s. Post the results.	7 Start pairs or small groups of students reading novels from the '50s.
8 Tell students to look for a smooth rock that won't roll.	9 Using acrylic craft paints have students paint their rocks, then coat with sealer to create a "pet rock."	10 Name your pet rock. Put its name in a hat and draw to pair up with another "rock hound" in your class. Write a story with these two pet rocks as the main characters.	11 Read a book from the '50s with a partner. Then ask the pair to find a similar story dated 1990 to date.	12 Read the "modern" story in pairs and compare the story/illustrations to the '50's "classic."	13 It's Fad Friday! Try some of the Fun Fads from the '50s: Hula Hoop or Frisbee contests; graph the results.	14 Assign the students to interview someone who attended grade school in the '50s.
15 Create a postcard from 1950 with one of that person's school memories described.	16 Mouseketeer Monday. Learn the song from the Mickey Mouse Club Show. Share the postcards with your "Mouseketeer Fan Club."	17 Assign each student the name of one of the Mouseketeers. Find out what became of each one.	18 Now that you've had a chance to read the Caldecott winners, adapt one per class into a Reader's Theater to share.	19 Have student present a Huntley/Brinkley style newscast featuring ads and news from the '50s.	20 "Caldecott Reader's Theater." It's show time! Pop some corn, serve Coca-Colas in a bottle, and watch the groups perform.	21 Design a Burma Shave-style rhyming ad for a modern product on four cards.
22 When Monday rolls around, post the ads in sequence down the hall or where others can get a chance to read them as they walk.	23 Adopt a '50s book and develop a new illustration to give it an update.	24 Create a new book cover for a worn book, cover it with plastic laminate and donate it to the library.	25 Research the top kid's names from the '50s. Do a survey to determine top names from the '90s, etc. within your school.	26 Pin on cards bearing those mixed-up celebrity names. Now that the research is out, see if students can guess whose name is on their back.	27 For your final celebration, host a sock hop. Student singing groups can perform '50's hits, drink Coca-Cola from a bottle, wear vintage clothing, etc.	28 Now that the '50s are behind you, share what you learned about that generation with your parents and yes, your grandparents.

